



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Cory Watkins et al.

Examiner: Hoa Q. Pham

Serial No.: 10/073,426

Group Art Unit: 2877

Filed: February 11, 2002

Docket No.: A126.143.101

**Due Date: August 26, 2004 (w/ extensions)**

Title: CONFOCAL 3D INSPECTION SYSTEM AND PROCESS

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_.

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment After Final / Reply.

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

iv. ☒ Petition for Three-Month Extension-of-Time.

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35  
C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3  
months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(I) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

If an additional fee is required due to changes to the claims, the fee has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Present Extra	Rate	Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	-	21	0	x 9.00 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	-	3	0	x 43.00 =	\$0.00
[ ] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED						\$0.00
TOTAL						\$0.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

- i. ☒ RCE fee (\$385.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- ii. ☒ Extension-of-Time fee (\$475.00) (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17).

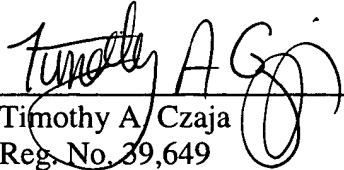
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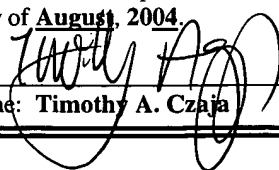
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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope address to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in support of the concurrently filed RCE and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: